

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 26, 2011
REGULAR SESSION

The Regular Session of the Auburn City Council was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California on Monday, September 26, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Kirby presiding and City Clerk Joseph G.R. Labrie recording the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL:

Council Members Present: Bridget Powers, Kevin Hanley, J. M. "Mike" Holmes, Keith Nesbitt, William W. Kirby

Council Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: City Manager Robert Richardson, City Attorney Michael Colantuono, Community Development Director Will Wong, Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogio, Public Works Director Bernie Schroeder, Administrative Services Director Andy Heath, Police Chief John Ruffcorn and Associate Planner Lance Lowe.

By **MOTION** adjourn to a Closed Session under Government Code Section 54957.6:

MOTION: Hanley/ Powers/ Unanimously approved by voice

The City Council finds, based on advice from legal counsel, that discussion in open session will prejudice the position of the City in the litigation.

(1.) Existing Litigation:
(G.C. 54956.9 (a))

Name of Case: Ronald Fisher and Judy Fisher v. City of Auburn et al.

Names of Parties: Plaintiffs: Ronald Fisher and Judy Fisher. Defendant: City of Auburn

Case No. S-CV-23750 (Placer Superior Court)

(2) Conference with Labor Negotiators:
(G.C. 54957.6)

Agency Designated Representative: Patrick Clark, Robert Richardson

Employee Groups: Local 39
Fire

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

No reportable action.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR'S COMMENDATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

A "Way to Go" Week Proclamation was presented to Public Works Director Bernie Schroeder.

AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as presented by consensus of the Council.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes

By **MOTION** approve City Council Minutes of 08/08/2011.

2. Surplus Equipment

By **RESOLUTION 11-106**, declare as surplus to the City's needs the equipment listed on Exhibit A and direct staff to contract with an auctioneer to assist the City in disposal of equipment or properly dispose of items.

3. Second Reading of an Ordinance to Pre-zone property at 880 & 890 Foresthill Avenue

Hold a Second Reading, by title only, and adopt an **ORDINANCE 11-08** to Pre-zone property to Open Space Conservation (OSC) and Agricultural Residential, Minimum Parcel Size 2.5 acres (AR-2.5) at 880 & 890 Foresthill Avenue respectively.

4. Auburn Municipal Airport – Professional Services Agreement with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc.

By **RESOLUTION 11-107**, authorize the Director of Public Works to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$43,522.

***** End of Consent Calendar *****

By MOTION approve the consent calendar.

MOTION: Holmes/ Powers/ Approved 5:0

Council Member Hanley abstained from item 3.

5. **Public Comment**

Ron Lawrence, Eureka Masonic Lodge 16 of Auburn, thanked the Police Chief and his department for the services they provide to his organization. He thanked the City Council for the newly constructed Central Square area. He asked the City Council to consider an engraved tile (to be paid for entirely by the Masons) to celebrate the 160th birthday of the Masons in Auburn by November 7, 2011.

Council conversation followed and it was determined this would be on the agenda for approval at the next council meeting.

Public Works Director Bernie Schroeder said the next Pharmaceutical Take Back Event is taking place October 29th, 10am-2pm.

REPORTS

6. **City Council Committee Reports**

Council Member Powers reported on the upcoming Airport Business Park Association meeting. She reported that the Placer County Economic Development Board is putting on a Placer County Manufacturers Forum on October 13th from 8am-2pm.

Council Member Hanley reported on the Fire Safe Council and the progress made with the Hidden Meadows subdivision.

Council Member Nesbitt reported on the Placer Country Transportation Planning Agency and the Capital Corridors JPA. He talked about upcoming improvements including Wi-Fi availability and e-ticketing.

Council Member Holmes reported on the grant from the Department of Homeland Security that was applied for to purchase a new ladder truck for the Fire Department. He said there are letters of support from Congressman McClintock and Senator LaMalfa being sent to Washington D. C. He reported on a meeting he will be having with a representative from the IRS to discuss free income tax returns for low-income families. He reported on the latest on funding for the Auburn State Recreation Area. He reported on a meeting he had with the Bureau of Reclamation.

Mayor Kirby reported on the continuing problem with panhandling at local shopping centers. He reported on the recent changes at the airport with staff.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

7. Parking Management Old Town and Downtown

Community Development Director Will Wong presented this item. He said the parking study was completed in 2009. He updated Council on all the actions that have been completed since the study was completed. He talked about existing parking problems in Old Town and Downtown Auburn. He also talked about the need for additional directional signage.

Council questions followed regarding: (1) parking survey times, (2) peak parking times, (3) outreach to business districts, (4) signage, (5) holiday season enforcement, (6) impact of current parking enforcement, (7) citation appeals, and (8) evening and weekend enforcement.

Council Comments followed regarding: (1) discussion with business associations before signage is installed, (2) employee/merchant parking, (3) holiday parking enforcement, (4) "co-sponsored" signs, (5) new studies during peak times, (6) discussion with business associations regarding holiday parking enforcement, (7) signage for 8 hour parking lots, and (8) traffic issues in Old Town.

A. By **MOTION**, direct staff to complete, after discussions with business districts, directional signage to public parking lots 1 Lincoln Way, lot 3 Cherry/Tennis, lot 8 Law Library and lot 9 Jury Lot (see Exhibit A for locations).

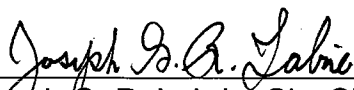
B. By **MOTION**, direct staff to discuss parking enforcement during the holiday season with the Downtown and Old Town Business Associations.

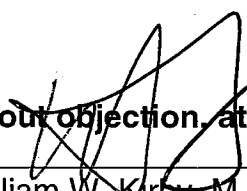
C. By **MOTION**, direct staff to discuss with the Downtown and Old Town Business Associations the parking report and develop changes in parking operations for implementation in the spring.

MOTION: Hanley/ Nesbitt/ Approved 5:0

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirby adjourned the meeting, without objection, at 7:26 p.m.


Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk


William W. Kirby, M.D., Mayor